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IDEAS.

Practice sometimes makes a perfect nuisance.

As we advance in life we learn the limits of our abilities.—Produce.

Men are deceived about nothing so much as about their motives.

Sign-boards are good during the journey. It is the art of life not to carry them about after the journey.

Truth is moral dynamite: can be put down safely enough but can be thrown down only with an explosion.

Foreign News.

Queen Victoria is contemplating a visit to Ireland.

The British losses in the war up to the present time are nearly 16,500.

German newspapers are quite opposed to allowing any Boers to enter German Southwest Africa, in case England should annex the Transvaal.

Dispatches say there is a most unfriendly feeling between the Boers of the Transvaal and those of the Orange Free State. The latest news is the Boers are strongly entrenched near Mafeking and are shelling the town.

Financial reports from various sources throughout the world go to show that the money capital of the entire universe makes the most sum total of something over twelve billion dollars. Of this sum the United States possesses about one fourth.

National News.

About 2,000 machinists are on a strike in Cleveland.

Admiral and Mrs. Dewey are taking a trip through the South.

The Standard Oil Company has declared \$20,000,000 in dividends.

The new Philippine Commission will sail April 15 from San Francisco.

Olga Nethersole, the actress, has been indicted for playing "Sopho" in New York.

Secretary Root has authorized Gov. Gen. Davis at San Juan to give employment upon public works to surplus labor on the island.

Conditions in Porto Rico are daily becoming more serious. Food has advanced in price 100 per cent. and many are starving.

This year promises to be one of great prosperity for the South. New factories, cotton, paper, and saw mills, and creameries are starting up in great numbers. Cassava plantations are attracting much attention in Florida. Every week brings scores of immigrants to the South land to find homes.

Kentucky News.

It is rumored that Congress may be asked to investigate Kentucky's political situation.

Over three hundred families have come into the state this Spring and settled between Danville and Richmond.

Wharton Golden's testimony in regard to the assassination of Mr. Goebel is being taken this week.

A delegation of Kentucky republicans called on President McKinley, but were unable to obtain any promises of assistance.

Asa Martin, the Winchester weather prophet, predicts that this section of Kentucky will be visited with nine more snows before the winter is over.

President Holcomb, of Burning Springs College, Clay county, lectured in Louisville recently on "The Mountain People of Kentucky." His object was to correct some false impressions and to show that the people of the mountains needed education more than anything else.

Samuel Philpot, a member of the famous Philpot family of Clay county, was brought to this city Wednesday by Sheriff Beverly White and placed in jail for safe keeping. It is charged that Philpot killed a man by the name of Ed. Rogers near Manchester several years ago. It was thought best to bring him here until his trial.—Pantagraph.

Locals and Personals.

Geo. Powe is the author of the "Report Book" this term.

Miss Minnie Davis was ill last week, but is better now.

Miss Nora Asbell, of Kingston, has been the guest of Mrs. Dr. Cornelius the past week.

Messrs. J. Burdette and J. W. Herndon were business visitors in Richmond last Friday.

J. T. Herd, of Livingston, father of John D. Herd, who is in school here, visited Berea last week.

We are glad to note that Dr. Lusk is able to be about on our streets again after a long illness.

Orders for the Louisville Daily and Weekly, Commercial, sent direct to your address, will be taken at this office.

We learn that Lewis McClanahan, formerly of Hustonville, Ky., and a former student at Berea, is now clerking in Cincinnati.

Edwin Embrose left Friday noon to represent our Y. M. C. A. at the State convention at Georgetown which continues until next Tuesday.

Mrs. A. F. Fish has fixed up and had the front of her millinery shop painted, preparatory to displaying her new stock of millinery goods.

The Register of last Friday, contains, with proper credit to the Critics, the resolutions adopted by the Mountain Students recently.

Have you a cough? A dose of COUSEN'S HONEY OF TAR will relieve it. Price, 25 cents and 50 cents. S. E. Welch, Jr.

John Mullins who was arrested here last week and taken to Mt. Vernon for trial, confessed his guilt and was bound over to circuit court under a bond of \$250.

Geo. F. Bengue, former student who was for three years in the army and now working in Washington D. C., is visiting friends and relatives in Berea.

You can be cheerful and happy only when you are well. If you feel "out of sorts" take HERBINE, it will brace you up. Price, 50 cents. S. E. Welch, Jr.

There were several news items came in last Tuesday too late to get into type. We appreciate such interest, but ask that all news be handed us Monday evening if possible.

The results of an over-indulgence in food or drink are promptly rectified, without pain or discomfort, by taking a few doses of HERBINE. Price 50 cents. S. E. Welch, Jr.

An unpardonable error went through our issue last week when we intended to say that Prof. Mason would visit the Bavarian and Hungarian Alps on his trip this Summer.

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The Utile Dulce Literary Society elected the following officers last Friday night: President, Miss Grace Stokes; Vice-president, Miss Elsie Paddock; Secretary, Miss Rose Miller; Treasurer, Miss Toliver; Marshal, Miss Elizabeth Marsh.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams are meeting with good success in their physical culture class, and are giving three lessons daily. The work that they are giving is something everyone should take and know something about, and put in use continually. Those who have taken the course feel well satisfied with the work and the class will probably continue their exercises the rest of the term.

Wm. Robe, proprietor of the Old Indian Forte on East Pinnacle, and his hospitable wife are kept busy these bright warm days entertaining the many visitors who flock to the Pinnacle on excursion trips. The scenery and climate of the place are quite inviting and refreshing. There are many historical facts connected with the Old Forte which Mr. Robe is able to prove by discoveries he has made. His last discovery has been to the effect that the Indians must have used Ballard's Obelisk Flour, for in one of the cliffs he recently found a rusty, battered tin cup bearing Ballard's Obelisk Flour.

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Mrs. Coddington is having a new wire fence put around her residence.

Miss M. Alice Titus entertained a number of her young friends at her home last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mason, of White's Station, were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Lusk last week.

Harold Johnston gave a spread to a number of his gentleman friends last Monday evening.

A Mr. Hale will give an educational entertainment at the Chapel Saturday evening. Admission, 25 cents.

W. C. Cawood was in Berea yesterday on his way home from a trip taking logs from Booneville to High Bridge.

Sergt. F. Wharton Golden, probably the most talked of man in Kentucky, was in Richmond a few hours Monday of last week.

Lady John Scott Spottiswood, who composed the music of "Annie Laurie" and many other familiar melodies, died last week in London in her ninety-second year.

Arrangements are being made whereby the citizens of Richmond may listen to the services being conducted at the Christian church. A transmitter is to be placed upon the pulpit and all who have telephones in their homes can listen to the song service and preaching.

"Rural Wealth and Welfare" is a work on political and social economy which is prepared particularly for the farmer, by George T. Fairchild vice-president of Berea College. Prof. Fairchild discussed the fundamental principles of wealth, production, capital, labor, transportation, social conditions, and the like, but draws his facts largely from rural subjects, and makes them apply with especial force to country conditions and problems. Dr. Fairchild has been a life-long teacher of these subjects, and the book, which is one of "The Rural Science" series by Prof. L. H. Bailey of Cornell university, will speak with authority. It will be published by the Macmillan Company—Chicago Journal.

We owe an apology to Prof. Dodge and to our readers for not expressing our appreciation of the Favour Lecture a week ago last Monday night. Our note of the same was accidentally misplaced and did not get into type last week. The lecture was good from beginning to end and was interest to all, but probably the Physics classes got the most benefit, as many things, clouded in their minds, were enlightened by the clear explanations and experiments. The Professor expressed a desire to return to Berea at some future date, and all hope he will be able to do so. The students should feel grateful to Professor Dodge for such lectures as we have been able to listen to this past season, as he has shown his loyalty to them by doing much work and worry to secure the best lectures at the least possible admission fee, without any remuneration whatever for his labor, and sometime having to meet the deficiency out of his own pocket.



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Madison County.

James Young has been appointed post-master at Dreyfus, to succeed J. S. Ogg, who resigned.

Mr. C. C. Cain and Miss Lula Turpin, of Waco were married near College Hill and Mr. Frank Dickerson and Miss Fannie Cain were married near Waco last week.—Register.

The April term of the Madison Circuit Court will begin on Monday, April 2. The docket, which consists of criminal, civil and equity cases, is probably the lightest ever known in this Court.

Abner Shearer, aged 76, died at his home near Brookstown, a week ago last Sunday of Brights Disease. Mr. Shearer was one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of the county and will be greatly missed in his community. Deceased leaves a wife and seven children to cherish his memory. The sympathy of the entire county is extended to them in this hour of trouble. The remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground the following Tuesday.

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Virginia Sketches.

By a Sojourner.

Scott county, Virginia is the second county from Cumberland Gap, and joins Tennessee. The best part of the county is in the Clinch Valley which lies in the center. This valley is bonaded on the south side by the Clinch Mountains. Almost all of it can be cultivated and most of it is under cultivation, yet many people would not care to cultivate it. The Geology of the valley is very peculiar. When old Ocean held full sway over all that region, a terrible convulsion of the interior of the earth made a great rent in the crust in line with the general trend of the Appalachian Mountains. On the north west side of this fault the strata of rock is almost level but on the south east side the strata inclines about 35 degrees to the southeast. Because of this edgewise position of the rock, all the rainfall penetrates the earth, instead of running off in branches. It is a peculiar sight to see vast areas of land without a single rivulet, and without any visible outlet for the water. Large caverns and caves are formed in this upturned strata and as the water found its way downward it carried the surface earth down, forming a great many sinks. In some of which, sink holes are yet found opening into caverns below. The only streams of water in that section are the creeks formed by large springs which flow directly from the crevices of the rocks. These creeks are the most industrious things to be seen in the Clinch Valley. Where the first spring flows from the hills a dam is made of boards about three feet long set on end. The water held by this dam is led a few rods through a square trough about one foot wide, to a little over-shot wheel, which runs the lathe of an old time chair factory. This in the very insufficiency of the creek it is taught to make itself useful. From there it travels about a mile, being increased in volume and power by other gushing springs. It then enters a larger race, about two feet wide and three inches deep, and comes in contact with a twenty-foot over shot wheel with a three foot face. This wheel has the honor of running a pair of thirty-inch corn bairs. The water is hardly rested from this arduous task, when it is again inclined into a race and is harnessed to a sixteen-foot wheel with a thirty-eight-inch face, which runs another corn mill. With this experience and with a few springs added to the volume of water, the creek assumes a sufficient importance to be hitched to a roller flour mill. Can any person be so useful to a community? The corn and wheat is carried to these mills on horses, the roads being better adapted to that mode of traveling. The boys usually ride on the sacks, but sometimes the family has no mill-boy, then the man of the house goes; if he is too busy, his wife or daughter goes to mill. While in that valley time rolled backward almost half a century, and I became a mill-boy again, seated on a sack of corn which rested on a sack of wheat, on the back of one of their large, stout farm horses. I went to the corn-mill and found a man cutting wood in front of the mill. I asked the man if he was the miller, he said, "sometimes." I said, "I want this to be one of the sometimes." We left the turn of corn and went to the roller mill. Upon returning the real miller was there. It was the "sometimes" miller's wife. The corn-mill which is near this one, has the owner's twenty-year-old daughter for a miller. During the late cold spell, I saw her out by the wheel knocking the ice off of it with a large stick as the wheel rolled around. It takes about 500 pounds of water to run the wheel. During the fall, the creek was low, owing to the very dry weather, and the miller said she could only grind about ten or twelve bushels a day. The toll is one-eighth. The toll of twelve bushels is one and a half bushels, which at forty cents, the market price, would be sixty cents per day for a mill and miller.

To be continued.

Receipt For The Wedding Cake.

Five pounds of devotion, three pounds extract of faithfulness, four quarts heartfelt satisfaction, one pound each of prudence and good nature, two pounds each of confidence and mutual forbearance, same of matrimonial fidelity, eight ounces each of gentleness and modesty, three quarts of enjoyment, patience, industry and economy in unlimited quantities, (cannot be too much,) fifteen ounces of wisdom and experience, a gallon of milk of human kindness, five pints cream of excellence, same of common sense, spice well with sweetness of disposition, mix thoroughly with cheerfulness, pour into the golden bowl of domestic happiness, lubricated with the oil of gladness, and bake in the oven of double blessedness, heated by the fire of true love.

The *Pentagraph* of last Friday contains the following:—"We are in receipt of the Bera Quarterly, published at Bera under the management of President Frost and members of Bera College faculty. Among the many interesting things in this number of the Quarterly is an illustrated article, entitled 'Mountain Types.' At this time such a subject demands attention at once on account of the present political chaos in Kentucky with which the mountain people have been so shamefully associated. The article is not based on politics or severe partisanship. It gives numerous illustrations of the types of humanity from the mountain region now attending school at Bera, and it is pleasing to find among them sketches of boys who are making their way, unaided and alone in the race for knowledge. Here we find true Anglo-Saxon blood and excellent material for ideal men and women. From those shadowy hills come these humble creatures of God, types of humanity too often scorned and slandered by those who have enjoyed better advantages, educationally, religiously, socially, morally and otherwise. We do not endeavor to make the argument that the mountain section is without its desperadoes and law-breakers. These specimens are there to be sure. But it is absurd to say that those characters are confined entirely to the mountains. They are here—in the Blue Grass too, where the Bible is constantly spread open and where church bells chime almost hourly. Hence it is unfair to charge that the mountains of Kentucky are inhabited only by ruffians and thugs, and it is a duty we owe them to give the defense they deserve."

The Judiciary Committee will probably report Congressman Bouring's bill to divide Kentucky into two Federal court districts. It provides that the territory embraced in the following counties as now constituted, namely: Carroll, Owen, Franklin, Woodford, Jessamine, Garrard; Lincoln, Pulaski, and Wayne, together with all that part of the state of Kentucky lying east of said counties, shall compose and be called the Eastern district of Kentucky, and that all that part of the State west of said counties and not embraced in the Eastern district shall compose and be called the Western district of Kentucky.

"Europe is expending on her armies \$814,000,000 annually. No wonder the children of the Old World have been seeking a new home! Should the homes of the people be loaded down with billions of debt in order that some heartless murderer may wear a diadem? The wretches that have wrought this desolation are the panthers, the hyenas, and the ghouls of humanity. Let the time soon come prayed for by the poet:

"When the war-drum throbs no longer,
And the battle-flags are furled
In the parliament of man,
The federation of world."

Washington County. Springfield.

Mrs. James Key is on the sick list. Mrs. G. W. Handley is having her dwelling remodeled.

Born, to the wife of Joseph McIntire, a fine daughter.

John Taryee came home from Louisville, and is ill at his home.

Rev. Campbell has taken up his abode with Rev. and Mrs. Nichols.

Some were disappointed in attending the baptizing in Lebanon last Sunday, on account of the inclement weather.

Mr. and Mrs. James Grundy spent a few days in Jamestown, with their son Samuel.

Horace Coleman was called to the bedside of his sister Ellen, who is very ill in Louisville.

O. G. Duff was here from Louisville this week, and has moved his household goods to that place.

Owsley County.

Gabbard.

A. C. Gabbard, of Booneville was here last week on business.

Albert and Wm. States, sold two yoke of oxen to G. B. Rose.

Issac Bowman, of Jackson county, was here last week on business.

The farmers are preparing for corn as the weather permits them to do so.

Corn is very scarce in this neighborhood, selling from 50 to 75 cents per bushel.

W. T. Minter, of Booneville, was here last week with his wagon and team after oats.

Michael H. Gabbard has moved over on Wolf Creek, and Samuel Combs has moved into the house vacated by him.

A heavy snow fell here last Thursday night about eight inches in depth, causing us to believe spring weather was to come late.

Jackson County.

Evergreen.

Mrs. Sallie Hellard is very ill with heart trouble.

John Simpson was the guest of Susan Jones Sunday.

Miss Maude Lake of this locality, is at Mr. Woods this week.

Your correspondent has been very sick the past week, but is improving.

Mrs. Sarah Lunsford of Wallace-ton, visited her mother last week of this place.

Franklin Mareum is getting ahead of the boys selling goods. We all think well of our new customer.

The little child of Peter Rose, who had pneumonia, is dead. Everybody sympathizes with them in their bereavement.

W. T. Short, U. S. Marshall, arrested Robert Maupin for making "moonshine," and he is at Mt. Vernon awaiting trial.

Charlie M. Mullins of Withers, Rockcastle county, visited J. W. Lake Sunday, enroute for Clover Bottom. We were glad to have him with us.

Louis Owens, of Rockcastle, says a few days ago when it was new moon, that he saw two moons. They were connected with a red stripe. Everybody is aroused, and don't know what to think.

Green Hall.

Wm. Venable and wife will move to Tennessee soon.

Miss Lena Flanery is visiting her brother, E. B. Flanery, of Maunden.

Mrs. Wm. Robertson is very low with consumption.

Farmers are very busy now sowing oats.

W. E. Minter has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. D. G. Collier, of McKee.

James E. Wilson and wife are visiting their children, who are attending school at London.

Mrs. Lizzie Mudman, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Fennel, has returned home and reports a pleasant visit.

L. G. Scott, of Virginia, has been visiting friends and relatives in Jackson and Owsley. We were glad to have Mr. Scott in our midst.

Mrs. Sarah E. Smith, wife of John Smith, died March 15. She had suffered for fifteen years with Dropsy and bore her sufferings with patience until the Lord called her home to dwell with him above where suffering will be no more.

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SPECIAL DEPARTMENTS.

THE HOME.

Edited by Mrs. KATE U. PUTNAM, teacher in Bera College.

Encouragement.

The child looks to the mother for help and encouragement, when it is taking its first step in walking. The school boy looks for encouragement from the teacher, when he is taking his first step in education.

And so on through life. The soldier looks for it on the field of battle; it is the cheering voice of his leader that urges him on through the dangers of death, and crowns the day with victory.

The poet and the artist look to the world to acknowledge their genius and give them praise. It is encouragement which calls forth their noblest words and helps them to climb the mount of fame until they surmount all difficulties and write their names in flaming letters upon its summit.

Then let us give encouragement to each other in every effort of good, in every noble action, in the little duties of life—and we will be happier for it; the world will be better, and a smiling Providence will look down and bless our labor of love.

Spring Cleaning.

When the wise housekeeper begins her house-cleaning, she fortifies herself with a goodly store of eatables, so that her family are as well fed as usual, and their sweetness of temper, as well as her own, preserved; also that the unexpected guest may find a comfortable meal.

One hour of planning may save several unpleasant hours in the days to follow. We find it best to clean cellars, closets, and bureau drawers; sort and rearrange all their contents; overhaul trunks, wardrobes, and boxes, sew on buttons, and repair the spring clothing first.

Then we take some Monday, as the surest day for all our dear friends, to be at home busied with their own affairs, and clean our parlor, and set all in order.

Next we clean the upper rooms, and finish with the sitting room, from which the stove cannot be spared till the warm weather is established, for the health of our family must always be the first consideration.

We find an empty box or barrel convenient to receive things "unchanged," which always turn up and puzzle one as to their value or place. "Labeled" always advises that we "look in the rag-box" for missing treasures after cleaning time.

My find for rag-bags of turkey red calico, with white letters—wool, cotton, bandages, linen, new muslin, sewed in on the machine; then no time is lost hunting each sort when needed.

Medicine bottles should be carefully examined and labels secured, or contents emptied and bottles cleaned thoroughly; then put on the stove in a basin of cool water with salt or ammonia, and allowed to scald; thus they are useful again.

The great mistake young housekeepers make is hurrying and a lack of planning. Take it coolly. "One thing at a time, and that done well."

THE SCHOOL.

Edited by Mrs. ELIZA H. YOUNG, head of the Normal Department, Bera College.

Most of us have read Edward E. Hale's story, "A Man without a Country."

It affects us strangely. We can hardly imagine ourselves adrift, having no family ties, no bonds holding us to native land.

It seems to me that there is more in it than lies on the surface. To belong to a country, to feel that it belongs to you!

How much of privilege and responsibility it suggests; how many lines of relationship it implies!

There is a story of an errand boy who having been employed with a company only one day, came rushing into the office cheering loudly at some piece of good news that had come to the "company" saying "Hurrah for our Firm." The manager was pleased at the hearty way in which the boy new made their interests his own, and watched him, finding as would be expected, that all of the boy's work showed the same whole hearted co-operation.

I know some people who have stood around for years waiting for "something to turn up," taking no active part in any of life's great interests, acting wronged if they were even allowed out of the way of busy, earnest people who were trying to do their work. I know no better recipe for a complete failure in life than "Wait till you are sure of results before you enter heartily into any enterprise. And be sure that you like everybody and everything connected with it before you touch it."

Would you succeed? Then learn the power of active co-operation in some noble cause. Let it be an unpopular one if you will, but, "Be sure you are right, then go ahead." The men who, in the cause of Abolition, were mobbed, despised, and made to suffer loss of property and position, were men equal to being classed with those "of whom the world was not worthy."

Whittier and Lowell wrote stirring poems in the cause of Freedom. Wendell Phillips lent his eloquent voice and manly heart to the cause. Hundreds of obscure men braved danger and demeritation in the interests of the oppressed.

All burning questions were not settled when the slaves were freed. We, inheritors of a great past, need not languish in idleness because there are no tasks awaiting us.

To-day as ever,

"They are slaves who dare not be in the right with two or three."

Our attitude toward lesser questions, obscure duties will determine what we shall do when any great crisis comes.

Are there no problems in our homes, our town, our State, our country that should enlist our best thoughts, our most courageous efforts? "No man liveth to himself," but so little do some of us touch other lives that we can hardly be said to live at all.

Let us espouse some real "cause," some definite work, in a spirit that will make us ready for greater opportunities should they come.

THE FARM.

How to Treat Timber Lot.

Abstract of Ernest Bronken's Address at Farmer's Institute at Delavan, Wis.

Whatever is worth doing at all, is worth doing well. I take it for granted that most of you, together with all other farmers of the state, think it worth while to maintain a few acres of your land in timber. You all need a wood lot for fencing material, fire wood, summer pasture for your cattle, and a score of other benefits to be derived from it. Some of you may even be so situated that you can sell an occasional log to the lumber mill, or the stove factory, and get a little cash for it.

I take it further for granted that you all want your timber lot to last as long as the farm does, in other words, forever. Now the question arises: Do you all treat your timber lots in such a way as to ensure the best results from them, together with the best insurance for their permanency? How to do this shall be the subject of my discourse.

Now I want to caution you, first of all, that I cannot give you a ready made receipt how to treat your wood lots. Nobody can do that, any more than he can give you such a receipt for your fields or your dairies. It takes intelligence to get good results in this as in every other operation of the farmer. Each wood lot must be taken by itself, and managed according to the particular requirements of the owner, the conditions of the soil, and the nature of the trees with which it is stocked. All the forester can do is to call your attention to some leading principles of the care of forest maintenance or sylviculture, and then you must go and yourselves work out the salvation of your wood-lots.

Perhaps the most important principles to be observed in managing a wood lot are the proper preservation of soil fertility and appropriate care for reproduction. These are the very things which the average farmer neglects most. I believe the most common plan observed by those farmers who give any thought at all to the matter, is to cut out, year after year, the oldest and largest trees. In doing so, they undoubtedly believe that they are giving the young growth a chance to flourish and take the place of their elders. But in exceptional cases only can the permanence of a forest be insured in this simple way; a very little thought will show why this is so.

First of all, cut down the very old trees, those that are becoming stag-headed or hollow. These will grow worse every year if allowed to remain, and in the meantime they take up room and prevent new growth. Next take out the small trees that are diseased or otherwise inferior and do not look as if they would ever make rapid growth. Having thus got rid of the cripples and paupers, make up your mind what species of tree you want to favor and what varieties you want to suppress. This question must be decided according to circumstances. As a general thing, white oak, red oak and hard maple are always worth having. Butternut, cherry, hune wood, are very good where they can be sold for timber to factories. Popular is ordinarily worthless, but in some places can be sold at a fair price. Ironwood, hawthorne, crab apple are ornamental at best, but of no practical value. What ever decision you arrive at, cut out what for your purposes are weeds, as you go along, each tree of this kind cut out makes room for a better one to grow. In this way you will after a few years find your wood lot marvously improved and composed of nothing but sound, healthy trees of the most valuable kinds. —Wisconsin Agriculturist.

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